

**Washington Fire
Commissioners
Association
P. O. Box 134
Olympia, WA 98507**

**61st ANNUAL CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION FORM**



**WASHINGTON
FIRE COMMISSIONERS
ASSOCIATION**

2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Doubletree Hotel Spokane City Center
October 22-24, 2009**

Washington Fire Commissioners Association 61st Annual Conference

The WFCB Board of Directors invites you to attend the 61st Annual Conference of the Washington Fire Commissioners Association being held Thursday, October 22 through Saturday, October 24 at the Doubletree Hotel Spokane City Center. This brochure contains a complete schedule of events, class descriptions and registration form.

The conference will kick off with a sponsored breakfast at 8 a.m. on Thursday morning, October 22nd. All conference participants are invited to attend this event, which will be sponsored by Associate members Emergency Services Insurance Program (ESIP) and Rice/Fergus/Miller Architects.

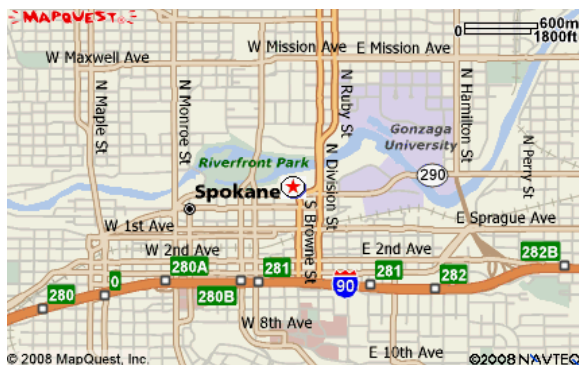
Upon the conclusion of the breakfast at 10 a.m., the opening ceremonies will commence. This year's educational lineup features important topics designed to help elected fire commissioners and administrative personnel better serve their fire districts. The conference will wrap up on Saturday with a dynamic presentation by Jim Mathis, an international speaker and author. Make your plans to attend today!

Doubletree Hotel Spokane City Center
322 N. Spokane Falls Ct.,
Spokane, WA 99201

Reservations:

\$109 Room Rate

Call toll free
1.800.445.8667
or hotel direct
509.455.9600



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WFCB Auxiliary Silent Auction & Raffle

The WFCB Auxiliary will once again hold its Silent Auction & Raffle to benefit the Harborview Burn Center. A live auction will also be held during the Friday evening banquet. Non-perishable donations are greatly appreciated and will be accepted in Suites C & D of the Doubletree Hotel beginning Wednesday, October 21st, from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Wine Tour—Thursday, October 22nd—1:00-5:00 p.m.
Washington is the second largest wine producing state in the country. The WFCB Auxiliary will visit the Cliff House, a national historic landmark, now home of Arbor Crest Winery. Next stop on the tour will be Mountain Dome, Washington's premier sparkling winery, located in the foothills of Mt. Spokane. The last stop on the tour will be the Knipprath Cellars, located in an old school-house. Their wines are crafted in the European tradition and they also make a wonderful chocolate port!

If you have any questions please contact WFCB Auxiliary Chairperson Lois Hensley, 509.466.2162, or Co-Chairperson Kim Burrus, 509.547.9476.

Auxiliary Pre-Registration

October 22-24, 2009 • Doubletree Hotel, Spokane

Please print:

Name _____

Spouse _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

County _____ FPD # _____

Phone # _____

Email Address _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$15.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
WINERY TOUR (OCTOBER 22ND)	37.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:	\$ _____

Meal tickets available at the WFCB Registration Desk

Please make checks payable to: **WFCB Auxiliary**
and mail to: Kathy McNulty, 5103 Manor Dr., Yakima, WA 98901

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 16, 2009

SEMINAR OUTLINE

(for class date & time see Schedule of Events)

REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITIES, ANNEXATIONS, MERGERS—WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION

Regional Fire Authorities (RFAs) are gradually being formed, and a growing number of fire districts are considering whether this new form of fire service governance is both operationally and financially viable. Many questions and challenges need to be addressed prior to the fire district going to the voters for approval of an RFA plan.

Fire District Attorneys Brian Snure and Joe Quinn will moderate a panel of fire service leaders who have had experience in the formation of an RFA. This presentation will outline the major provisions of Substitute Senate Bill 5808, Annexation Reform, and provide an update on options for mergers and contractual consolidations.

Don't miss this opportunity to discuss and review various options to coordinate fire and emergency medical services in a more cost-effective manner.

FIRE DISTRICT FINANCES IN A POST-RECESSION ECONOMY

Fire districts are primarily financed through regular property taxes. The recession's affect on property taxes has yet to deliver its full impact. Many counties currently project double-digit percentage decreases in assessed valuations of private property. These reductions will have a significant impact on many fire districts' operational budget.

This workshop will highlight the basics of fire district funding and provide an understanding of the options that districts will have to address when facing the potential decrease in tax revenue.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RESOURCES: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A DISASTER STRIKES?

This 1½ hour seminar will provide commissioners, chiefs and administrative personnel with valuable information on how to access state and federal emergency management resources in the event of a manmade or natural disaster.

Representatives of state and federal agencies will outline what happens when a disaster strikes and local jurisdictions need state and federal assistance.

PROXY AUTHORITY

_____ County Fire District # _____

NAME: _____

☐ Commissioner ☐ Secretary

☐ Chief ☐ Attorney

is authorized to serve as proxy for:

Commissioner _____

of _____ Co. Fire District # _____

The active member unable to attend the business meeting must obtain the signatures from the majority of his/her fire district board of commissioners:

COMMISSIONER: _____

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WASHINGTON FIRE COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION



PROXY AUTHORITY

ARTICLE 2 —VOTING RIGHTS

“Each active member in attendance at the annual meeting shall be entitled to one vote in person and one vote for each proxy (if any) carried by the member, on each matter submitted to the vote of the members. No other class of members shall have voting rights. Each active member unable to attend a membership meeting may authorize such member's vote to be cast by proxy. The proxy vote may be cast by the commissioner, district secretary, fire chief or attorney of a member district if authorized in writing by the board of commissioners of the proxy voter's member district. Proxy authorizations must be submitted to the association seven (7) days prior to the membership meeting at which such proxy vote may be cast. No individual may serve as proxy for more than two active members.”

The following Proxy Authority form must be returned to the WFCA office by Thursday, October 15, 2009.

Mail to:

WFCA

P. O. Box 134

Olympia, WA 98507

or fax to 360.664.0415

HOW TO BUILD A NEW FIRE STATION

No matter how dismal the economy may be, service demands on a fire district and the need for new facilities are not diminished.

Joseph Marshall, an attorney with Williams and Williams, PSC, will provide an overview of challenges, pitfalls and successful strategies to building a new fire station. With the focus on land acquisition and permitting, Mr. Marshall will show you how to work with stakeholders to better meet your district's needs.

EVERYONE GOES HOME — FIREFIGHTER LIFE SAFETY

Everyone Goes Home® is a program created by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation aimed at reducing the number of firefighter fatalities and injuries through education.

Ward Knable, Training Division Chief for the Vancouver Fire Department, will lead this 1½ seminar highlighting the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives developed during the 2004 Firefighter Life Safety Summit in Tampa, Florida. These initiatives provide the fire service with a blueprint for making changes to ensure that *Everyone Goes Home®*.

JIM MATHIS PRESENTS DIMENSIONS OF LEADERSHIP



Jim Mathis, an international speaker and author, has been leading conferences for over 25 years. During his dynamic presentation, Jim will expand your current definition of leadership. How do you deal with others? Jim will help you see the reactions we all have in common, and then will take you on a journey to find your individual personality and leadership style.

Leaders come in many varieties, ranging from the charismatic visionary to the unassuming team player who helps peers work together to accomplish goals set by others. Most leaders display several leadership characteristics or “dimensions of leadership.” You'll discover your best working environment and how to relate to others in your workplace with different personalities, strengths and weaknesses. You will learn to enhance skills and develop leaders in all levels of your organization.

Jim Mathis will motivate attendees with his presentation and will deliver an inspiring finale to the WFCA's 61st annual conference!

CONFERENCE REMINDERS

- ✓ An educational grant program is available to member fire districts with an assessed value of less than \$50 million. Up to ten eligible districts will receive one complimentary conference registration. Please contact the WFCA office for further information.
- ✓ Please notify the WFCA office at 1-800-491-9322 of any commissioner, secretary or chief that has passed away during the year so that they can be included in the memorial service.
- ✓ Commissioners that have served their district for 10, 15, 20 or 25 years are eligible for an honorary service award. Please contact the WFCA office for more information or an application.
- ✓ The WFCA Legal Committee will meet at the Doubletree on Wednesday, October 21st at 2:00 p.m. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.
- ✓ Table reservations will be accepted for the Friday evening banquet. See the WFCA registration desk prior to Friday noon to secure a reservation.
- ✓ Management Excellence Awards will be presented during the Friday evening banquet. Entries will be available to review in the Silent Auction room.
- ✓ During the Friday evening banquet, join in the live auction benefiting the Harborview Burn Center. One of this year's premier auction items is a three-night stay in a Seaside, Oregon beach house.

Schedule of Events

TIME	October 21st WEDNESDAY	October 22nd THURSDAY	October 23rd FRIDAY	October 24th SATURDAY	
7:30am		<i>Welcome to Conference sponsored Breakfast</i> Opening of Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Memorial• 1st Call for Nominations• Keynote Speaker		<i>BOARD INSTALLATION BREAKFAST</i>	
8:00				Business Meeting WFCA Board Elections Business Meeting (continues)	<i>Jim Mathis presents</i> Dimensions of Leadership
9:00					
10:00					
10:30					
11:00			Board Meeting	LUNCH Regional Fire Authorities, Annexations, Mergers — What You Need to Know to Make the Right Decision	District Finances in a Down Economy or Emergency Management Resources
12:00					
1:00pm					
1:30	WFCA Legal Committee Meeting		How to Build a Fire Station or Everyone Goes Home®		
2:00					
2:30					
2:45					
	Registration Desk Open SNURE SEMINAR (Separate registration form will be mailed to WFCA members)	Suppliers' Hospitality Rooms Open	 No-Host Social <i>BANQUET</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Honorary Life Memberships• Service Awards• Management Excellence• Entertainment		
4:45					
5:00					
6:00					
6:30					

Schedule of Events subject to change

Photos provided by the Spokane Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM

(Only one registrant per form)

Name _____ Title _____
Email address (for registration confirmation/billing): _____
Spouse's/Guest's first name, if attending _____
County Fire District # _____

If you wish to register for the entire conference (including meals), complete OPTION 1 below. If you wish to register for a portion of the conference, complete OPTION 2 below. (Please fill out EITHER Option 1 or Option 2, *not both*.) If you have questions concerning registration, call the WFCA office at 1.800.491.9322.

OPTION 1	OPTION 2								
<p>(Option 1 provides registration for the entire conference and includes 3 meals.)</p> <p>Member Registration Prior to October 16, 2009 \$245.00 After October 16, 2009 \$295.00</p> <p>Non-Member Registration Prior to October 16, 2009 \$345.00 After October 16, 2009 \$395.00</p> <p>Full registration includes One Luncheon, One Banquet and One Breakfast</p> <p>Extra Lunch Tickets: # _____ Thursday @ \$25.00/ea. = \$ _____</p> <p>Extra Banquet Tickets: # _____ Friday @ \$37.00/ea. = \$ _____</p> <p>Extra Breakfast Tickets: # _____ Saturday @ \$20.00/ea. = \$ _____</p> <p>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____</p> <p>BILL DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/> VISA/MASTERCARD <input type="checkbox"/> (Billing/Authorization form will be emailed to address listed above)</p>	<p>(Option 2 provides registration on a daily basis and does not include meals—meals may be purchased separately.)</p> <table border="0"><tr><td>Member Registration</td><td>Non-Member Registration</td></tr><tr><td>One Day \$120.00</td><td>One Day \$170.00</td></tr><tr><td>Two Days \$175.00</td><td>Two Days \$260.00</td></tr><tr><td>Three Days \$210.00</td><td>Three Days \$310.00</td></tr></table> <p>Please indicate which day(s) you will attend: <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday</p> <p>Purchase meal tickets below and add the cost to your daily registration fee.</p> <p>Lunch Tickets: # _____ Thursday @ \$25.00/ea. = \$ _____</p> <p>Banquet Tickets: # _____ Friday @ \$37.00/ea. = \$ _____</p> <p>Breakfast Tickets: # _____ Saturday @ \$20.00/ea. = \$ _____</p> <p>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____</p> <p>BILL DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/> VISA/MASTERCARD <input type="checkbox"/> (Billing/Authorization form will be emailed to address listed above)</p>	Member Registration	Non-Member Registration	One Day \$120.00	One Day \$170.00	Two Days \$175.00	Two Days \$260.00	Three Days \$210.00	Three Days \$310.00
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Advance registration must be received by the association office no later than October 16, 2009

Please make checks payable to the WFCA. No refunds on registration after Friday, October 16, 2009
(WFCA must pay costs committed prior to this date.)

WFCA, P. O. BOX 134, OLYMPIA, WA 98507

FAX: 360.664.0415 EMAIL: WFCA@WFCA.WA.GOV